

Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, December 4, 1861

Camp Jameson Dec 4th A.D 1861

Dear Mother,

Perhaps you have been looking for a letter from me this Same time. I need not say perhaps for I know you have but I have not wrote for 3 or 4 days for Uncle Orlando wrote and I wrote to Clarinda & Maggie & I could think of nothing more to write then So I put it off until the present time. I have just got my guard detail made out & distributed and have plenty of time to write all I can think off which I am afraid will not be much for nothing turns up worth writing about. The best news we have to tell is that we are all in good health and able for full eating every meal. My feet is all that troubles me any. They have begun their old business. Burning & Smarting all the time they bother me considerable. But I can Easy stand it. I guess I can cure them However in a few days By washing them in Allum & water.

There was about 15 of this Regt tramping the ring to day for going out of Camp without a pass. The Col sent a Sergt down to the Bridge to day to arrest all the men who went to cross without a pass. He is mighty Strict I tell you. He will not Sign hardly any passes & if the men go out without them he will put them on the Ring or in the guard House, Phil Tapper was on the ring for Six hours to day. That is a good while to walk in a circle & have a man Standing with his musket to keep you going. I would rather be excused from such Duty.

Our pickets brought in an old Irishman to day & put him in the guard house. Jud Parson had been cutting up pretty high & they fetched him up & put him in with the Irishman. He (the Irishman) had a dog that he wanted to have in the guard house with him & Parson

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would not let the dog in. When the Irishman struck at him this made Parson Some what mad & he fell at the said Irishman and give him considerable of a pounding. No one being there to prevent him except the guard and he did not Say any thing & Parson pretty near killed the old fellow at least he hurt him so bad that he had to have the Doctor come to see him.

(There is a good many of the Officers Resigning on account of the Col acting so mean with their men putting them under arrest for little or nothing. He is working the right way to get all the men in the Regt to hate him. You need not make this public you can Skip a few lines if reading It to anyone.) Our Sutler keeps almost every thing for sale but I must admit he asks a pretty big price for every thing. Well I will have to quit for this time & I hope something will turn up soon so I will have something to write about. I was looking for a letter to day but was disappointed. Give my love to all & except my undying love for yourself. And believe me your affectionate son.

Tilton Reynolds